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GAME WARDEN SERVICE

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REMARKS

With the hope that through an exchange of figures and ideas from the game warden service some mutual assistance might be gained, The Department of Conservation, State of Indiana, sent a questionnaire to the various states, asking for the figures which are here compiled.

We readily grant that the compilation is not perfect, nor necessarily an equitable basis for comparison, but we do think that it is the basis for considerable thought, as well as further co-operation, and certainly provides some very interesting comparisons. There has not been taken into consideration the density of population, the topography, the type of country in which game wardens must work, the stringency and number of laws or characteristics of the population.

There are two columns in the compilation which are of most interest, the one headed "Convictions per Warden," and the other "Cost per conviction made." Certainly they are the index of conditions of the service in the states. At the same time it should be emphasized in some manner that convictions alone do not represent the sum total of wardens' work. The small figures such as indicate a foot note, are used beside the entries in some columns to indicate the relative standing of the state.

Should the work be done over again the questionnaire would be considerably revised and enlarged. On this point your advice is sought. The task of securing these figures occupied a period of some three months. A questionnaire is a bore to any office and many do not care to answer them, so that it was necessary to repeat our request a number of times before securing an answer in some cases. When all the answers we thought possible had been secured, a compilation was made and forwarded to all the states for their correction and approval, with the provision that if we did not hear within ten days we should take it for granted their figures were correct. As a matter of fact, we waited 30 days before sending this material to the press.

The number of non-salaried game wardens in each state is of interest. It is the opinion of Indiana that the non-salaried warden should be abolished. It is our experience that in but very rare cases any results are obtained and they often cause trouble through their lack of knowledge of their duties. Another factor which we find to be poor practice and bad for the efficiency of the service is the fee system. In this state the fees are very small, but we should prefer that there were none. They are now permitted by old state laws which it would be hard to abolish.

Altogether co-operation between states seems highly important since state lines are non-existent so far as fish and game life is concerned.

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NOTE: Figures in this type (^{21}) indicate relative standing under that item.

STATE	Maintenance source of funds	Number salaried wardens	Monthly pay	Expenses, source of	Number non-salaried wardens	Fee salaried	Fee non-salaried	Basis of appointment	Number of convictions	Number of arrests	%	Convictions per warden	Cost per conviction	State's share fines and costs	Total fines and costs	Resident licenses	Non-resident licenses	Income from licenses	Total spent for warden service	Transportation	Auto mileage cost	Department in charge of service
New England																						
Maine	Appro. & license	106^{2}	$100 or $2.50 day	State	110	Fees or expenses	Legal fees	Merit	320^{16}	327^{14}	97.8	3^{19}	$204 62^{18}	Fines some costs	$8,638 69	No annual license.			$65,479 55	F., RR., auto	7-10c	Dept. Inland Fisheries and Game.
New Hampshire	Licenses	11^{19}	$100	State	Unrestricted	None	None	Merit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	All to State	.....	$50,000	$20,000	$90,000 00	30,000 00	Auto	10c	Dept. of Fish and Game.
Vermont	Licenses	18^{23}	$60-$100	State	50	None	None	Merit	63^{34}	.....	.....	3.5^{37}	$302 10^{28}	Fines	2,746 42	58,186	5,679	51,167 35	19,032 51	F., RR., auto	5-12½c	State Fish and Game Commission.
Massachusetts	Appropriation	33^{16}	$100-$145	State	250	None	Witness	Civil service	270^{33}	288^{16}	93.7	8.2^{23}	$258 51^{23}	Fines, ½ lobster fines	4,093 00	133,150	3,506	103,305 30	69,800 00	Fords, RR.	10-14c	Dept. Conservation Div. Fisheries and Game.
Connecticut	Licenses	9^{22}	$116 or $4 day	State	91	Yes	Yes	Merit	291^{18}	443^{11}	65	32.3^{3}	$39 58^{1}	$10 00	10,206 91	32,510	556	39,395 00	11,519 63	Fords	.....	State Board of Fisheries and Game.
Rhode Island	Licenses	13^{24}	$3.50 day	State	45	None	½ fine	Merit	51^{38}	61^{28}	83.6	4^{28}	$173 25^{13}	All	1,221 10	11,948	175	14,068 00	10,048 77	Auto, RR.	.....	Commissioners of Birds of R. I.
Middle Atlantic																						
New York	Appropriation	143^{1}	$100-$125	State	200	None	None	Civil service	$4,090^{1}$	$4,156^{1}$	98.4	31^{1}	$79 51^{4}	All	82,499 74	284,496	11,592	297,373 60	325,204 05	Auto, motorcycle, RR.	4.4c	Conservation Commission Div. Fish and Game.
New Jersey	Licenses fines	28^{17}	$120-$150	Allowed $25 mo.	350	None	$5-$10	Civil service	725^{11}	749^{12}	96.7	25.9^{4}	$95 64^{2}	Fines	18,296 20	139,311	8,217	158,706 03	70,312 01	Fords, RR.	4½c	Board of Fish and Game Commissioners.
Pennsylvania	Licenses fines	81^{8}	$125-$175	Game fund	900	None	½ fine	Merit	$1,895^{2}$	.....	.....	23.7^{3}	$160 37^{16}	All or ½ fine	54,052 38	432,238	1,725	380,297 48	303,900 22	Dodges, RR.	10c	Board of Game Com.
Delaware	Licenses	2^{22}	$100-$125	State	10	Constable	½ fine	Merit	39^{37}	47^{37}	83	19.5^{10}	$107 51^{18}	½ fine	Fines 330 00	.....	699	3,763 00	4,193 20	.....	.....	Board of Game and Fish Commissioners.
Maryland	Licenses	24^{13}	$75-$200	Allowed $400 yr.	600	None	½ fine	Merit	309^{17}	386^{13}	80.3	12.8^{13}	$75 30^{4}	All or ½ fine	59,103	1,346	96,330 15	23,270 00	Own cars	.....	.....	State Game Dept.
W. Virginia	Licenses	9^{28}	$100-$250	State	30	Per diem	Per diem	Merit	84^{23}	95^{28}	88.0	$2\frac{1}{2}^{30}$	$292 85^{23}	All	Fines 6,574 05 1,680 00	47,000	300	51,500 00	24,600 00	.....	.....	Game and Fish Commission.
Virginia	Licenses	135^{2}	$50-$60	State	182	Constable ½ fine	Constable ½ fine	Merit	150^{28}	203^{19}	73.8	1.1^{33}	$266 66^{14}	½ fine	.....	77,218	1,192	109,567 30	40,000 00	Auto, horse	a. 5c h. 2½c	Dept. Game and Inland Fisheries.
E. Southern																						
N. Carolina	No reply																					
Tennessee	Licenses fines	16^{23}	$3.00 day	State	Unrestricted	½ fine	½ fine	Merit	155^{25}	.....	.....	9.7^{20}	$77 41^{4}	½ fines and costs	Fines 573 50	.....	.....	16,040 25	12,000 00	Auto, RR., horse	.....	Game and Fish Dept.
S. Carolina	Licenses fines	46^{12}	$150	.....	200	None	½ fine	Merit	410^{14}	550^{10}	74.5	9^{21}	$150 03^{14}	Fines	9,208 55	50,000	540	101,159 00	61,513 73	Auto	15c	State Game Dept.
Georgia	Licenses	3^{31}	$300	State	160	None	Yes	Merit	40^{36}	75^{29}	53	13.3^{14}	$212 22^{19}	¼ Fines	193.32	12,665	124	27,727 00	8,489 00	Auto, RR.	.....	Dept. of Game and Fish.
Alabama	Licenses fines	67^{4}	$3.00 day	Warden	425	½ fine	$4 day expenses	Merit	363^{16}	.....	.....	5.4^{34}	.....	½ fines	.....	18,066 4,721	180	44,429 00	.....	.....	.....	Dept. of Conservation.
Mississippi	No Game Wardens																					
Florida	No reply																					
W. Southern																						
Arkansas	No reply																					
Oklahoma	No reply																					
Louisiana	Licenses	40^{14}	$75-$125	State	None	.....	.....	Merit	420^{13}	600^{8}	70	10.5^{18}	.....	None	.....	89,070	340	94,170 00	.....	Auto, horse	.....	Dept. of Conservation.
Texas	Appropriation	20^{31}	$60-$125	State	165	Yes	Yes	Merit	141^{27}	.....	.....	7^{24}	$70 72^{3}	85%	Fines 1,503 35	21,922	167	42,572 60	9,972 77	Auto, RR., boat	.....	Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.
E. Central																						
Michigan	Licenses	100^{1}	$3-$5 per day	State	400	Constable	Constable	Merit	$2,259^{2}$	$2,319^{2}$	94.8	22.6^{6}	$94 10^{8}	Fees	39,423 71	259,560	1,773	287,144 40	212,781 57	Auto, RR. foot	7c	Dept. of Conservation.
Wisconsin	Licenses	65^{9}	$130-$150	State	215	.....	½ fine	Civil service	835^{9}	.....	.....	12.8^{14}	$155 97^{15}	Fines	42,045 24	160,000	800	308,550 98	130,238 25	Auto	8c	Conservation Commission.
Indiana	Licenses fees	25^{19}	$100-$175	State	45	Witness	Constable	Merit	$1,387^{4}$	$1,487^{4}$	93	55.4^{1}	$45 80^{5}	Fee $5	32,147 81	127,340	9,750	125,113 30	63,528 31	Fords	5½c	Dept. of Conservation Div. Fish and Game.
Illinois	Licenses fines	87^{5}	$100-$125	State	None	None	None	Civil service	No record available.				.....	All	21,307 48	212,076	8,901	171,222 50	190,000 00	Auto, RR. boat	.....	Dept. of Agriculture Div. Fish and Game.
Ohio	Licenses fines	65^{8}	$100	State	475	None	% fines	Civil service	$1,276^{1}$	$1,502^{3}$	85	19.6^{8}	$147 50^{13}	All	33,723 43	263,054	877	265,367 00	188,411 05	Auto, RR.	.....	Board of Agriculture Fish and Game Dept.
Kentucky	Licenses	13^{24}	$75	State	200	% fines & fees	% fines, fees	Merit	265^{21}	305^{19}	86.8	26.5^{3}	$84 63^{7}	½ fine	1,853 63	58,785	255	56,181 46	22,426 38	Auto, RR., horse	.....	Game and Fish Commission.
W. Central																						
Minnesota	Appropriation	45^{10}	$75-$125	State	200	None	None	Merit	$1,145^{6}$	$1,234^{5}$	92	25.4^{6}	.....	None	23,012 79	149,599	670	129,082 85	unavailable	Auto	10c	Game and Fish Commission.
Iowa	Licenses	35^{10}	$3-$5 per day	State	150	None	None	Merit	897^{7}	.....	.....	25.6^{6}	.....	Fines	11,055 28	100,000	250	102,500 00	.....	Auto, RR.	$1.50 day	State Fish and Game Dept.
Missouri	Licenses	25^{18}	$4.00 day	State	225	None	Constable	Political and merit	110^{35}	.....	.....	4.4^{35}	$671 04^{11}	Fines	.....	109,080	795	139,402 00	73,814 68	Auto, RR., horse	.....	State Game and Fish Commission.
N. Dakota	Licenses	7^{30}	$100	State	311	None	None	Merit	95^{21}	99^{22}	95.5	13.5^{13}	$302 90^{27}	School fund	2,441 12	32,622	114	51,783 00	28,776 76	RR., auto	.....	Game and Fish Board.
S. Dakota	Licenses	13^{24}	$100-$140	State	120	None	Rewards	Merit	158^{24}	172^{20}	91.2	12.1^{16}	$144 84^{13}	None	4,433 50	47,868	2,908	86,089 00	22,885 52	RR., auto	12½c allowed	State Game and Fish Commission.
Nebraska	Appropriation	12^{26}	$115	State	30	$2.00, 15c mile	½ fine	Merit	800^{19}	estimated	.....	.....	.....	Fines	.....	110,000	2,200	113,800 00	60,000 00	Ford	1½c	Bureau of Game and Fish.
Kansas	Licenses	2^{32}	$75-$100	State	180	$10	$10	Merit	128^{33}	.....	.....	.....	.....	¼ fine	.....	32,388	17	32,643 00	.....	Auto, RR.	.....	State Fish and Game Dept.
N. Western																						
Montana	Licenses	27^{16}	$125	State	Unrestricted	None	Expenses	Merit	93^{22}	116^{23}	90.1	3.44^{38}	.....	All	2,680 00	52,751	1,305	89,882 00	.....	Auto, horse	.....	Fish and Game Commission.
Wyoming	Appropriation	12^{35}	$75-$125	State	.....	License fees	License fees	Political and merit	190^{35}	232^{17}	81.9	15.8^{15}	$314 75^{38}	Fines	7,142 08	28,985	3,693	62,618 25	59,800 00	Auto, RR., horse	15c	State Game and Fish Commission.
Idaho	Licenses fines	52^{10}	$125-$250	State	Forest Rangers	None	None	Merit	203^{22}	222^{18}	91.4	4^{38}	$355 32^{19}	All fines	6,650 10	69,333	5,768	111,618 55	72,130 91	Auto, RR.	10c	Bureau of Fish and Game.
Washington	Licenses fines	50^{11}	$150	State	.....	None	None	Political	622^{19}	667^{8}	93	12.8^{14}	$132 48^{11}	10%	7,783 10	144,013	1,653	172,879 00	82,407 76	Auto launch	.....	Dept. of Fisheries and Game
Oregon	Licenses	27^{16}	$150-$175	State	400	None	None	Merit	307^{16}	345^{13}	89	11.3^{18}	$226 29^{21}	50%	1,018 25	111,032	965	184,766 15	69,473 62	Auto	10-11c	State Game Commission.
S. Western																						
Colorado	No reply																					
Utah	Appropriation	10^{33}	$75-$125	State	75	None	None	Merit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fines	990 05	.....	.....	55,701 89	29,413 68	Own cars	10-12½c	Fish and Game Dept.
Nevada	State Game Wardens Office Abolished.																					
California	Licenses	73^{7}	$90-$135	State	.....	.....	.....	Civil service	858^{8}	946^{8}	90.7	11.7^{17}	$223 97^{20}	Costs	25,031 50	.....	.....	423,998 00	192,169 00	Auto Horse-$15-$30	7-8c mo.	Fish and Game Commission.
Arizona	Licenses	8^{29}	$150	State	250	.....	½ fine	Political	130^{29}	145^{21}	90	16.2^{11}	$230 76^{29}	½ Fine	1,500 00	25,000	40	30,000 00	30,000 00	Auto, horse	.....	State Game Dept.
New Mexico	Licenses	11^{25}	$150	State	300	None	$25	Merit	28^{39}	.....	.....	2.5^{39}	$383 14^{39}	Fines	Fines 1,203 00	17,958	1,047	40,429 00	10,728 02	Auto, RR., horse	.....	State Dept. of Game and Fish.

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